IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1898.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts, up to the 31st day of January, 1898; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883–1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1897, . .	190,327	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, . . .	341	
		190,668
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st December, 1897,	10,110	
Do. in month of Jan., 1898,	71	
		10,181
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1897,	29,689	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, . . .	14	
		29,703
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st Dec., 1897, .	1,073	
Do. received in Jan., 1898,	23	
		1,096
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st December, 1897 . . .	1,434	
Do. in month of Jan., 1898,	—	
		1,434
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st December, 1897, . . .	311	
Do. in month of Jan., 1898,	9	
		320
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1897, . . .	26	
Do. in month of Jan., 1898,	2	
		28
Total, .	—	233,430

Rents Fixed—		
By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1897, .	4,383	
„ in month of January, 1893, . . .	7	
		4,390
By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1897, .	162,127	
„ in month of January, 1898, . . .	325	
		162,452
Dismissed—		
To 31st December, 1897. . .	8,461	
In month of January, 1898, .	39	
		8,500
Struck out—		
To 31st December, 1897, . .	35,759	
In month of January, 1898, .	30	
		35,789
Withdrawn†—		
To 31st December, 1897,	14,740	
In month of January, 1898, .	7	
		14,747
Total disposed of, .	—	225,878

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (IX.), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1897, ...	25,857		Rents Fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1897, .	72	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, . . .	1,524	27,381	" in month of January, 1898, . . .	16	88
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1897, .	7,967	
			" in month of January, 1898, . . .	511	8,478
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1897, . .	1,698		Dismissed— To 31st December, 1897, .	214	
Do. in month of January, 1898, . . .	350	2,048	In month of January, 1898, .	2	216
			Struck out— To 31st December, 1897, .	1,673	
			In month of January, 1898, .	26	1,699
			Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1897, .	337	
			In month of January, 1898, .	3	340
Total, . . .	—	29,429	Total disposed of, .	—	10,821

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1897, . . .	120,643
Do., do. in month of January, 1898, . . .	380
Total, ...	121,023

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1897, ...	3,782
Do., do., in month of January, 1898, . .	739
Total, ...	4,521

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1897, . .	1,613		Number disposed of to 31st Dec., 1897, .	2,488
Applications received in month of January, 1898,	15	1,628	" in month of January, 1898, .	9
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1897,	38			
Do. in month of January, 1898, . . .	2	40		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1897, .	1,054			
Applications in month of January, 1898, . . .	—	1,054		
Total, . . .	—	2,722	Total disposed of, . .	2,497

† The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*		55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1897, .	22	
			" in month of Jan., 1898, . .	—	22
			Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	30	
			" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	30
			Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1897, .	3	
			" in month of Jan., 1898, . .	—	3
Total .		55	Total disposed of, .	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec, 1897, .	17		Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	2	
" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	17	" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1897, .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	9	
" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—		" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	9
		3	Applications withdrawn to 31st December, 1897, .	3	
			" in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	3
Total, .	—	20	Total disposed of, .	—	14

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1897, ...		4,281	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1897,	3,788	
" in January, 1898, .		—	" in January, 1898,	—	3,788
			Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1897, .	381	
			" in January, 1898, .	—	381
Total, . . .		4,281	Total disposed of, .	—	4,169

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Dec., 1897, ...	47,020	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1897,	23,671	
„ in month of January, 1898, .	224	„ in month of Jan., 1898, . .	110	23,781
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, .	801	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	21,172	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, . .	11	21,183
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	45,765
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	1,479
Total, . . .	47,244	Total, . . .	—	47,244

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1897, ...	4,997	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1897,	882	
„ in month of January, 1898, .	543	„ in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	107	989
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897,	—	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	641	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, . . .	63	704
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	1,693
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	3,847
Total, . . .	5,540	Total, . . .	—	5,540

VII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

—	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1897, ...	29,636	11,452,028
„ in January, 1898, ...	—	—
	29,636	11,452,028
Deduct Applications refused, ...	3,811	1,459,300
	25,825	9,992,728
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1897, ...	25,825	9,992,728
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1898, ...	—	—
	25,825	9,992,728
Loans issued to 31st December, 1897, ...	25,361	9,991,635
Loans issued in month of January, 1898, ...	—	—
	25,361	9,991,635

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VIII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891 and 1896.

——	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1897,	15,003	4,835,571		
" in January, 1898,	569	144,932	15,572	4,980,503
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st December, 1897,	2,892	749,669		
Less one Application since withdrawn,	1	2,000		
	2,891	747,669		
Loans applied for in January, 1898,	1	1,960	2,892	749,629
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1897,	8	3,395		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	8	3,395
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st January, 1898,	—	—	18,472	5,733,527
Less applications refused to 31st January, 1898,				
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1898,	751	339,238		
" " (Section 40, Act, 1896) to 31st January, 1898,	959	270,826	1,710	610,064
			16,762	5,123,463
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1897,	11,153	3,579,372		
" in January, 1898,	593	164,960	11,746	3,744,332
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st Dec., 1897,	1,708	448,739		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	1,708	448,739
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1897,	8	3,395		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	8	3,395
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st Jan., 1898,	—	—	13,462	4,196,466
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st January, 1898,	115	48,789		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, 1885) to 31st January, 1898,	131	52,585		
" (Section 40, 1896) to 31st January, 1898,	—	—	246	101,374
			13,216	4,095,092
Loans issued to 31st December, 1897,	8,648	2,800,472		
" in January, 1898,	239	74,446	8,887	2,874,913
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st December, 1897,	1,440	359,536		
" in January, 1898,	12	6,096	1,452	365,632
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st December, 1897,	8	3,595		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	8	3,395
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st December, 1897,	63	68,654		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	63	68,654
" pursuant to sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st Dec., 1897,	1	1,250		
" in January, 1898,	—	—	1	1,250
			10,411	3,313,849

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IX.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to 31st December, 1897, ...	1,272	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st December, 1897,	153	
„ in January, 1898, . .	5	Number received in January, 1898, . .	—	153
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st December, 1897, . .	1,073	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1898, . .	23	1,096
				1,249
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired	—	28
Total, .	1,277	Total, ...	—	1,277

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 3.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1898.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1898.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1897, . .	31,189		Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1897,	17,652	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, ...	111	31,300	„ in month of Jan., 1898,	24	17,676
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st December, 1897, .	4,299		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	3,967	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, ...	3	4,302	„ in month of Jan., 1898,	1	3,968
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1897, .	2,461		Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1897, .	482	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, ...	7	2,468	„ in month of Jan., 1898,	2	484
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st December, 1897, . .	68		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	11,544	
Applications received in month of January, 1898, . . .	2	70	„ in month of Jan., 1898,	71	11,615
			Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Dec., 1897, ...	26	
			„ in month of Jan., 1898,	2	28
Total, . .	—	88,140	Total disposed of, .	—	33,771

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1897, ...	3,307	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1897, .	557	
		" in month of Jan., 1898,	71	628
Applications received in month of January, 1898, ...	445	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . . .	48	
		" in month of January, 1898, . . .	5	53
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st December, 1897, .	56	
		" in month of January, 1898, . . .	6	62
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Dec., 1897,	1,698	
		" in month of January, 1898, . . .	350	2,048
Total, . . .	3,752	Total disposed of, .	—	2,791

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1897, . .	7,286
Do., do. in month of January, 1898, . .	—
Total, ...	7,286

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st December. 1897, ...	44
Do., do., do., in month of January, 1898, .	—
Total, ...	44

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st December, 1897, .	334	
Applications received to 31st December, 1897, . .	603		" in month of January, 1898, . . .	—	334
Applications received in month of January, 1898, .	—	603	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1897, ...	37	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1897, . .	3		Transferred in month of January, 1898, ...	—	37
Applications received in month of January, 1898, .	—	3			
Total, . . .	—	606	Total disposed of, .	—	371

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,* . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1897, .	—	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, .	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . .	6	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st December, 1897, .	—	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st December, 1897, .	—	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898,	—	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

* The time Limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st December, 1897, .	22	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1897 . .	3	
„ in month of January, 1898, .	—	„ in month of Jan., 1898,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1897, . .	4	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1897, .	1	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st December, 1897, .	3	
		„ in month of Jan., 1898, .	—	3
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, .	—	11

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